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for review filed by another party may be filed and, in the case of an initial decision which may become final in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, the date when it may become final.

Subpart H—Rulemaking

§2.800 Scope and applicability.

- (a) This subpart governs the issuance, amendment, and repeal of regulations in which participation by interested persons is prescribed under Section 553 of title 5 of the U.S. Code.
- (b) The procedures in §§ 2.804 through 2.810 apply to all rulemakings.
- (c) The procedures in §§2.802 through 2.803 apply to all petitions for rule-making except for initial applications for standard design certification rule-making under subpart B of part 52 of this chapter, and subsequent petitions for amendment of an existing design certification rule filed by the original applicant for the design certification rule.
- (d) The procedures in §§2.811 through 2.819, as supplemented by the provisions of subpart B of part 52, apply to standard design certification rule-making.

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§2.801 Initiation of rulemaking.

Rulemaking may be initiated by the Commission at its own instance, on the recommendation of another agency of the United States, or on the petition of any other interested person, including an application for design certification under subpart B of part 52 of this chapter.

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§2.802 Petition for rulemaking.

(a) Any interested person may petition the Commission to issue, amend or rescind any regulation. The petition should be addressed to the Secretary, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and sent either by mail addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; by facsimile; by hand delivery to the NRC's offices at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland; or, where practicable, by electronic submission,

for example, via Electronic Information Exchange, e-mail, or CD-ROM. Electronic submissions must be made in a manner that enables the NRC to receive, read, authenticate, distribute, and archive the submission, and process and retrieve it a single page at a time. Detailed guidance on making electronic submissions can be obtained by visiting the NRC's Web site at http:// www.nrc.gov/site-help/ e-submittals.html, by calling (301) 415-0439, by e-mail to EIE@nrc.gov, or by writing the Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The guidance discusses, among other topics, the formats the NRC can accept, the use of electronic signatures, and the treatment of nonpublic information.

- (b) A prospective petitioner may consult with the NRC before filing a petition for rulemaking by writing to the Chief, Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001. A prospective petitioner also may telephone the Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch on (301) 415–7163, or toll free on (800) 368–5642, or send e-mail to NRCREP@nrc.gov.
- (1) In any consultation prior to the filing of a petition for rulemaking, the assistance that may be provided by the NRC staff is limited to—
- (i) Describing the procedure and process for filing and responding to a petition for rulemaking;
- (ii) Clarifying an existing NRC regulation and the basis for the regulation; and
- (iii) Assisting the prospective petitioner to clarify a potential petition so that the Commission is able to understand the nature of the issues of concern to the petitioner.
- (2) In any consultation prior to the filing of a petition for rulemaking, in providing the assistance permitted in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, the NRC staff will not draft or develop text or alternative approaches to address matters in the prospective petition for rulemaking.
- (c) Each petition filed under this section shall:
- (1) Set forth a general solution to the problem or the substance or text of any proposed regulation or amendment, or